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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA AND TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN  
REFUGEE STUDENS

REF: A. MBABANE 684; B. 76 STATE 290244; C. GABORONE 651;  
D. GABORONE 581

1. SUMMARY: AT SUGGESTION REQUEST OF AID CONSULTANT VAN EGMOND,  
EMBASSY HAS COMPILED LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS DESIGNED TO  
COMMIT BOTSWANA SHARE OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS MENTIONED IN  
REF B AS BEING AVAILABLE FROM FY 1977 SSA FUNDS. FOLLOWING PRO-  
JECTS REQUESTED BY GOB ARE AIEED AT PROVIDING TIMELY RESPONSE TO  
NEEDS OF UBS (BOTSWANA) AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES WHO WISH TO  
STUDY THERE. REQUEST URGENT WASHINGTON RESPONSE. END SUMMARY.

2. AID CONSULTANT VAN EGMOND HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT OF  
THE ONE MILLION DOLLARS PROGRAMMED FOR THREE BLS UNIVERSITIES  
IN FY 1977, BOTSWANA'S SHARE IS ESTIMATED AT  
375 THOUSAND DOLLARS, PERHPAS MORE. REFS C AND D AND  
SEVERAL PREVIOUS CABLES HAVE DESCRIBED AT LENGHT THE  
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URGENT GOB NEED TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN  
AFRICAN REFUGEES (LARGELY SOWETO STUDENTSN BUT ALSO  
ZIMBABWEANS AND OTHERS). THIS OBJECTIVE, COMBINED WITH  
OUR DESIRE TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL, VISIBLE AND EFFECTIVE  
AID TO THE UBS BOTSWANA CAMPUS THIS YEAR, HAS PROVIDED  
THE STIMULUS FOR MISSION RECOMMENDING FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE PRO-  
JECTS (WITH ADDITIONALS PROJECTS FOR FY 77 AND 78 FUNDS BEYOND

THOSE MENTIONED REF B TO FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL):

3. PRIORITY PROJECTS IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE TO ASSIST GOB AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA TO ACCOMMODATE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE STUDENTS:

A. HOSTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AT UBS FOR 50 REFUGEE STUDENTS AT P200 PER SQUARE METER; COST WOULD BE P200,000. THIS INCLUDES BATHROOMS, KITCHEN, CORRIDORS, SHOWERS, LIGHTING FIXTURES, PLUS BASIC FURNISHINGS INCLUDING BEDS, DESKS, CHAIRS. (COST IN DOLLARS: FACILITY \$230,000 PLUS FIXTURES \$20,000 TOTAL \$250,000).  
STATUS: THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA HAS AGREED (E.G. IN FARAH REPORT) TO ADMIT UP TO 50 REFUGEE STUDENTS. REQUEST FOR HOSTEL HAS BEEN TWICE RECEIVED BY AMBASSADOR FROM MINFIN PLANNER STEVENS, REITERATED BY ACTING RECTOR MAKHURANE.

B. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 15 REFUGEE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AT A COST OF P3,000 PER STUDENT. (COST IN DOLLARS OF \$3,450 PER STUDENT PER YEAR FOR A TOTAL OF \$50,000 APPROX.)  
STATUS: BEST ESTIMATES ARE THAT SOME 35 SOWETO REFUGEES ARE QUALIFIED TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA. OF THE GROUP, WE BELIEVE THE U.S. SHOULD PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 15 OF THE 35. FARAH REPORT WILL URGE ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE REFUGEE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS; SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENABLE GOB AND UBS TO DO SO.

3. BOOKS TO MEET UBS/B LIBRARY NEEDS AT A COST OF \$35,000.  
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STATUS: UBS LIBRARIAN IS REVIEWING AND RE-SUBMITTING THIS REQUEST FOR BASIC LIBRARY REFERENCE WORKS.

D. TECHNICAL EXPERT FOR REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AT UBS/ BOTSWANA AT A COST OF \$45,000.  
STATUS: VERBAL REQUESTS FOR REGISTRAR EXPERT HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE UBS RECTOR AND REITERATED MARCH 1977 TO AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES LYONS.

E. TOTAL COST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS IS \$380,000.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ONE MOST URGENT BASIS, REQUEST WASHINGTON ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF ABOVE, SO THAT WE MAY PROCEED TO DISCUSS DETAILS WITH APPROPRIATE GOB AUTHORITIES, AND PREPARE NECESSARY PROJECT DOCUMENTATION.  
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